

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN, MPOL, MARR, TH

SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY REDUCTION IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 3729

1. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES CONCERNING ARTICLE  
REPORTED REFTEL, WE HAVE REPLIED ON BACKGROUND WITH  
ATTRIBUTION TO U.S. OFFICIAL: "WHATEVER U.S. MILITARY  
REMAINS IN THAILAND WILL REMAIN ON A BASIS ACCEPTABLE  
TO THE THAI AND BECAUSE THE THAI FIND IT IN THEIR  
INTEREST FOR THEM TO REMAIN. THERE ARE NO GREAT  
DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON THE THAI PROPOSALS (OF FEB.  
4). WE WILL WANT TO SIT DOWN WITH THE THAI AND TALK  
ABOUT THE PROPOSALS, AND WE WILL PROBABLY WANT TO  
SUGGEST SOME CHANGES OF WORDING, SOME REFINEMENTS TO  
REFLECT WIDELY ACCEPTED PRACTICE ELSEWHERE, WHERE U.S.  
MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE STATIONED. NATURALLY, THE THAI  
WANT TO BE MASTERS IN THEIR OWN HOUSE, AND WE CERTAINLY  
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HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT."

2. WE URGE U.S. SPOKESMEN ELSEWHERE TO FOLLOW THE SAME LINE, IF ASKED. WE WANT TO DISCOURAGE THE LINE, BEING PUSHED BY ELEMENTS AT MFA, THAT SOME KIND OF CONFRONTATION IS SHAPING UP REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE RESIDUAL PRESENCE HERE.

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